

SERVICE AVIATION (CONTINUED)

*"Flight" photograph*

THE FASTEST SQUADRON : Pilots of No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron, Northolt, with Sqn. Ldr. Gillan, the C.O., who flew from Turnhouse to Northolt at 408.75 m.p.h., in the centre, expressing satisfaction and bearing documents.

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General Duties Branch

A.V.-M. W. S. Douglas, M.C., D.F.C., is appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff at the Air Ministry (February 17).

The following Flight Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant (January 28) :—W. A. Hughes, A. F. Hards.

F/O. G. E. Wallace is granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant (January 27); Sqn. Ldr. F. H. Whitmore, M.B.E., D.S.C., is placed on the retired list on account of ill health (March 2); Capt. A. C. Newson, Royal Marines, Flt. Lt. R.A.F., relinquishes his temporary commission on return to duty with the Royal Marines (July 1, 1937) (substituted for notifications in the *Gazettes* of July 20, July 27, and August 24, 1937).

Medical Branch

Air Commdre. A. V. J. Richardson, C.B., O.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., K.H.S., is appointed Director of Medical Services, Air Ministry, vice A.V.-M. Sir Alfred W. Iredell, K.B.E., C.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., K.H.P. (March 1); A.V.-M. Sir Alfred W. Iredell, K.B.E., C.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., K.H.P., is placed on the retired list at his own request (March 1).

Chaplains Branch

The Rev. A. A. O'Connor is granted a short-service commission with the relative rank of Squadron Leader with effect from January 1.

Royal Air Force Appointments

General Duties Branch

Air Commodores.—R. P. Willock, to Directorate of Staff Duties, Air Ministry; on appointment as Director of Staff Duties, 17.2.38. A. A. B. Thomson, M.C., A.F.C., to H.Q., No. 3 (B.) Group, Mildenhall; on appointment as Air Officer Commanding, 17.2.38.

Group Captains.—G. W. Murlis-Green, D.S.O., M.C., to R.A.F. Station, Cardington, to command, 14.2.38. M. Henderson, C.I.E., D.S.O., to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for duty as Officer-in-Charge, Administration, 1.2.38. W. B. Farrington, D.S.O., to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for Equipment (Engineer) Staff duties, 1.2.38. R. S. Maxwell, M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Station, Dhibban, Iraq; to command, 2.2.38. A. S. Morris, O.B.E., to Aircraft Depot, Dhibban, Iraq; to command, 10.2.38. N. H. Bottomley, C.I.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., to H.Q., Bomber Command, Uxbridge; for Air Staff duties, 21.2.38. E. L. Howard-Williams, M.C., to H.Q., Fighter Command, Stanmore; for Equipment (Engineer) duties, 19.2.38.

Squadron Leaders.—W. J. M. Akerman, to H.Q., Bomber Command, Uxbridge; for Air Staff duties, 8.2.38. T. M. Abraham, D.F.C., to H.Q., Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent; for Armament duties, 2.2.38. K. S. Brake, to H.Q., No. 23 (T.) Group, Grantham; for Administrative duties, 31.1.38. W. H. Hutton, to H.Q., No. 17 (T.) Group, Lee-on-the-Solent; for Navigation duties, 7.2.38. R. C. Jordan, to No. 10 (B.) Squadron, Dishforth; for flying duties, 29.1.38. W. J. Millen, to No. 103 (B.) Squadron, Usworth; to command, 19.2.38.

Flight Lieutenants.—N. B. Norris, to No. 7 (B.) Squadron, Farningham, 8.2.38. C. E. Morse, to No. 34 (B.) Squadron, Lympne, 14.2.38. K. Lea-Cox, to No. 611 (W. Lancs), (B.) Squadron, Speke, 7.2.38. J. Goodhart, to H.Q., No. 1 (B.) Group, Abingdon, 11.2.38. E. G. Thompson, to No. 2 Air Armament School, North Coates,

*Royal Air Force Reserve**Reserve of Air Force Officers**Equipment Branch*

Flt. Lt. E. A. Sullock, A.F.C., is transferred to the General Duties Branch, Class C (February 16).

Medical Branch

The following relinquish their commissions on appointment to commissions in the R.A.F.V.R. (January 1) :—Sqn. Ldr. C. W. Flemming, D.M., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Flt. Lt. H. C. Smith, M.B., Ch.B.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Medical Branch

The following are granted commissions in the ranks stated with effect from January 1, and with seniority of the dates stated:

Squadron Leader.—C. W. Flemming, D.M., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (July 14, 1936).

Flight Lieutenants.—H. C. Smith, M.B., Ch.B. (June 4, 1933); T. J. B. A. Macgowan, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.C.S. (January 1); R. D. Bruce, M.B., Ch.B. (Jan. 1); L. V. McNabb, M.B., B.S. (Jan. 1).

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants with effect from March 1—H. B. Bagshaw, M.B., B.Chr., F.R.C.S.(E), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. W. Dryerre, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.

General Duties Branch

1.2.38. H. C. S. Vetch, to No. 22 (G.R.) Squadron, Thorney, 5.2.38. H. G. Richards, to No. 1 F.T.S., Leuchars, 25.1.38. F. W. L. Wild, to No. 62 (B.) Squadron, Cranfield, 31.1.38. W. E. Cameron, to No. 8 F.T.S., Montrose, 3.1.38. R. S. Howe, to No. 82 (B.) Squadron, Cranfield, 31.1.38. R. J. Bennett, to No. 216 (B.T.) Squadron, Heliopolis, Egypt, 28.1.38. T. N. Coslett, to No. 216 (B.T.) Squadron, Heliopolis, Egypt, 19.2.38.

Equipment Branch

Wing Commander.—E. H. Eldridge, to No. 4 Equipment Unit, Ruislip; to command, 14.2.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—C. J. Nobbs, to H.Q., R.A.F., Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, 2.2.38.

Accountant Branch

Flight Lieutenant.—M. L. Jones, to Reception Depot, West Drayton, 22.2.38.

Medical Branch

Group Captain.—T. J. Kelly, M.C., to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for duty as Deputy Principal Medical Officer, 15.2.38.

Wing Commanders.—E. D. D. Dickson, to Central Medical Establishment, London; for duty as Medical Officer, 14.2.38. R. L. C. Fisher, to No. 7 F.T.S., Peterborough; for duty as Medical Officer, 13.2.38. J. Parry-Evans, to No. 1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; for duty as Medical Officer, 14.2.38.

Squadron Leaders.—E. E. Johnson, to R.A.F. Station, Cardington; for duty as Medical Officer, 16.2.38. C. W. Coffey, to R.A.F. Station, Seletar, Singapore; for duty as Medical Officer, 12.2.38. R. Thorpe, to Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, Martlesham Heath; for duty as Medical Officer, 15.2.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—F. W. P. Dixon, M.B.E., to R.A.F. Hospital, Aden, 12.2.38.

Owing to the greatly increased length of these lists as a result of R.A.F. expansion, ranks are confined to those of Flight Lieutenant and above.